With health care reform firmly in the forefront of our minds, and constituents reaching out to me daily with many various inquiries, I wanted to take a moment to update you on where we are in the effort to reform health care in this country.

Currently, the House of Representatives is working on combining 3 health care reform bills that have separately come out of the House Committees on Energy and Commerce, Ways and Means, and Education and Labor. On the Senate side, the Senate Finance Committee has just recently passed its health reform legislation and now the Senate Majority Leader faces the intricate task of melding that bill with the Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pension Committee's health care proposal. In the end, what is passed through the House and the Senate must be combined into a piece of Health Care Legislation that both sides can agree on and be sent along to the President.

In short, we still have a long way to go, with much room for change along the way. Please check my website for updates and feel free to contact me if you have any specific questions or concerns.